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EDITORIAL

If the 22 years of the co-called "UFO Era" have taught researchers anything, it is that the simple Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis does not square with the observational data. UFO's do not arrive here in the way in which U.S. astronauts are propelled into the lunar environs. This realisation has provoked a spate of more-or-less exotic suppositions.

UFO's may emanate from other dimensions outside our own space-time continuum. They may represent temporary materialisations of psychic entities. They may originate in the future of Earth itself.

All these are possibilities. It seems to me, however, that a modified version of the Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis fits the facts as well as any of them and is preferable to them in that it conforms with the celebrated "razor" axiom of William of Occam.

Some years ago, I wrote:

"I do not think mere distance counts for much in terms of travel by UFO's. The probability is that they use a sort of hyper-dimensional link which by-passes space altogether. Some of them may be able to by-pass time also, to some extent."

In the present state of our knowledge it is pointless to speculate on the mechanism of the assumed "hyper-dimensional link" by which UFO's are teleported to and from this planet. This may be an end product of a purely material super-science or may represent the application of a psychokinetic principle.

We cannot, by mere observation, determine either the origin of the UFO's or the method by which they operate. We can—I maintain that as a matter of urgent necessity we should—seek to interpret our observations in terms of the probable motives and purposes of the UFO-denizens visiting our planet.

At this point I cannot do better than quote from the writings of Allen H. Greenfield, the talented propounder of the "Alternate Reality" Theory. His speculations are framed in the context of that Theory but apply equally well to the Modified Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis which I am here advancing. According to Greenfield, UFO entities:

"... have been in touch with human beings throughout the history of mankind.

Some of this contact has been for purposes generally friendly to mankind, while other contact has been for neutral or for directly hostile purposes.

A purpose of the latter seems to be the domination of mankind through covert manipulation at times and overt control at other times.

One group of entities seems to be interested in combating the malevolent forces. These may in fact be wholly or partly a group of humans living in symbiotic relation with mankind as we know it. They may be the descendants of an ancient Earth civilisation, possibly destroyed by outsiders."

These observations are in close accord with views I have formed independently, on the basis of information available to me.

Allen Greenfield also suggests that the "little men" of many reports may represent a degenerate subgroup of UFO entities. Maybe, but I wonder whether they may not be either "biological robots" or UFO-denizens of normal proportions, manifesting on Earth, by reason of some quirk of the hyper-dimensional travel process, in diminutive forms. Fantastic no doubt, but then the whole UFO subject is fantastic . . .

It should be quite clear to readers that neither I nor any other responsible writer on UFO topics can properly do more than frame working hypotheses embracing the facts available in connection with the phenomena. Fresh observations and new discoveries may at any time shatter our hypotheses and entail the formulation of others.

Smugness has no place in the field of UFO-research.

OBITUARY

We announce with regret the death of Dr. Miran Lindtner, leading Australian UFO researcher, and publisher of "Australian Flying Saucer Review." (UFOIC).

Dr. Lindtner, an Australian Government Scientist, had been touring Canada and Europe, and was killed by an express train at Frankfurt, Germany.

We extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

L. BEER.

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MOON SHOTS & THE UFO's

In common with all the World, this "Journal" salutes the magnificent achievement of astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins. It is no small thing to have broken the chains which hitherto have fettered mankind to this planet.

The question is being asked in UFO-research circles—what is the significance of the U.S. Space Programme in terms of possible contact with alien civilisations? It is dangerous to be dogmatic in such matters but as of now I would think very little.

Only one other planet in our solar system, Mars, seems to be a possible abode for living organisms. It is doubtful whether even there Evolution will have managed to produce anything more than lowly forms of plant and animal life.

Venus, as unmanned probes have demonstrated, is far too hot to support life as we know it. Mercury is small, airless and subject to extremes of temperature. The outer planets are wholly unsuited to the development of living beings.

Some readers may object that life may exist in forms other than those with which we are familiar. I can only reply that wild speculations concerning organisms able to breathe methane gas and quaff draughts of molten lead have no place in serious scientific thought. Life *must* mean life as we know it, if the term is to retain any meaning whatsoever.

The UFO's, if indeed they are Extra-Terrestrial craft, must have their origin on planets circling other stars, many light-years away from our system. They must reach us via some hyper-dimensional link which is totally beyond the understanding of our present day science. The UFO-denizens have shown no inclination hitherto to communicate with us. I see no reason why our rather primitive excursions beyond the environs of our planet should alter the *status quo*. It would be altered only if our scientists should come to an understanding of the operation of the assumed hyper-dimensional link, so that the road to the stars would be opened to humanity.

We cannot, of course, rule out the possibility that bases and even colonies may have been planted by alien intruders on one or more sister planets. However, artificial bases in the form of large UFO's orbiting some of the bodies of our system as satellites, would seem to possess obvious advantages over bases established on the unfriendly soil of Mars or the Moon, or on the semi-molten Venusian surface. There is some curious evidence in old books and chronicles suggesting that such alien satellites exist, or have existed, in the vicinity of Earth itself.

It is a big gap between our clumsy rocket-propelled capsules and the technical perfection of the UFO's. The occupants of the latter can have little fear of coming under the unwelcome surveillance of U.S. astronauts. (Or Russian cosmonauts, if and when the latter venture out into deep space).

I don't think future Moon voyagers will be met by a deputation of little green men, bearing a banner with the slogan inscribed, "Yanks Go Home!"

J. C-B.

TECHNIQUES OF SUBVERSION AND CONQUEST

(The article which follows is reprinted, with grateful acknowledgments, from "Saucer Scoop," edited by Joan Whritenout at 6464 34th Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, U.S.A.)

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For five thousand years or more power-mad men have played a vicious game with the lives and destinies of their followers. Even Genghis Khan was familiar with the basic precepts of psychological warfare. He ordered his men to savagely destroy cities and kill everyone in sight, and then he made sure that a few people survived and escaped to spread the story of the plunder to other cities along his route. Those cities surrendered pitifully in the hopes that he would show them some mercy. Many centuries later Hitler employed the same techniques, with many modern embellishments, by sending his dive-bombers against the helpless city of Rotterdam and wiping out whole villages in eastern Europe.

Yet we are wearily aware of how men have played this ugly chess game throughout history. But now let's extend this. How would you go about the capture and enslavement of an entire planet?

The rules have already been laid down. The game has already commenced. It is being played now on a global scale. Here's how it is being done.

Step 1:—The press must be controlled. Mussolini started out by taking over one newspaper. Today a large part of the world is in the hands of dictators who completely control and censor the newspapers within their countries. In the U.S. more and more independent newspapers are being swallowed up by powerful chains and syndicates.

Step 2:—The economic situation must be controlled. This means that currency and, more important, gold must be manipulated. Now look at what is happening to the world's monetary market today. Currencies are being devalued, or devaluation is threatened. Gold is becoming scarce. The gold market is in a panic. Economic disaster could strike world-wide at any time. Inflation is running wild in every country.

Step 3:—Communications must be controlled. Radio, mail and telephone communications have been breaking down all over the world in the past two years. The national defense communications system in the U.S. was **completely knocked out twice in 1968**. The "hot line" between Washington and Moscow has been disrupted twice since 1966. Our general telephone system is now so overloaded that a complete breakdown is imminent!

Step 4:—Armed forces must be diverted and drained. Viet Nam.

Step 5:—Religious (moral) control must be usurped. "God is Dead." Look what's happening to the Catholic Church.

Step 6:—Anarchy must be introduced. Young people throughout the world are in open revolt against "the establishment." Colleges and universities in nearly every country are in an uproar. The "sexual revolution" has been accompanied by the widespread use of drugs. The young people are rejecting the present social order, the draft, the materialistic attitudes of their elders. There have now been hundreds of cases in which teenagers and young adults **have been caught** committing acts of sabotage against communications, power plants, military installations. "Underground" Hippie newspapers are filled with instructions on how to build bombs, cut telephone cables, etc.

Step 7:—Suppress or assassinate those leaders who show potential ability to control this mess. If you can't buy them off, shoot them down.

Now add these steps up. What do you get? You have a controlled press, disrupted communications (vital in any "war"), economic chaos, strained and depleted military forces on a distant battlefield, mobs of enraged anarchists at home willfully trying to assault and undermine the established system, and that system is led by individuals who are not necessarily the men best equipped to handle the situation. Result: a complete breakdown on every level.

Back in 1933, Hitler had the German parliament building burned down. Then he howled that the communists had done the deed and Germany's only salvation was obviously to install him as head of the government so he could take a firm hand and deal with those communists. The present world situation did not come about overnight. It seems to have been carefully planned and that plan has been skillfully executed by someone hidden far behind the scenes for many years.

If you start following the data on these seven steps to hell in your daily newspapers you will soon realize that we are moving inexorably towards the final denouement, almost as if we were being guided by some gigantic computer. The Negro militants, the raging college students, the army defectors, and even groups like the John Birchers and the Ku Klux Klan are merely being used as pawns in this game.

Now carry this to the final step. Suppose our planet is reduced finally to complete chaos economically, socially, morally? Then suppose great formations of strange objects descended in every country and strange beings of great splendor spoke to us suddenly over our radios, T.V.s and telephones, and told us that we were upsetting the balance of the universe. We had made a mess of things and the only solution was for them to take over and show us the way out of our dilemma. For years a small but noisy group of people had been telling us all that benevolent space men were coming to save us from ourselves. Now—the man-in-the-street would remember all those stories he had laughed at before. Things were in a terrible mess, he would admit, and maybe these splendid beings could salvage the situation. They promised an orderly world of love, brotherhood and peace.

Would we welcome them? If we did, then would you have the answer to my question. How do you take over an entire planet without firing a shot or losing a single life of one of your own?

JOHN A. KEEL.

FLYING SAUCERS IN MOON ORBIT

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John Searle is by trade a self-employed electrical engineering contractor and he claims to have three small flying saucers in orbit round the moon. This information was given to us when we interviewed Mr. Searle at his home in Mortimer near Reading Berkshire on Tuesday, 22nd July.

He stated that if the recent Apollo 11 moonshot had gone wrong, leaving astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin stranded on the moon, then his flying saucers would have hoisted the Lunar Excursion Module (Eagle) and contents up to the Command Module (Columbia). The saucers were launched on this occasion by a Mobile Launching Unit at Crockerton, near Warminster in Wiltshire, on Saturday, June 28th this year. When asked what the Americans would have thought if they had been rescued in this way, he replied that they would have been too stunned to know what to think!

Mr. Searle explained that he had not undertaken any public demonstrations of his saucers because as soon as he did, "The tax man will be down on me 99%!"

These amazing craft, which are not radio controlled from Britain, but Porto in Portugal, are capable of speeds far greater than the speed of light, which renders radio communication impossible during these high speed runs. The secret of their propulsion system is three specially prepared rings round the circumference of each saucer. When rotated they produce 10 million volts at 150 amps and also more than enough oxygen to support any life on board. With this special generator, the craft can re-enter the earth's atmosphere at 140,000 miles per SECOND as opposed to a mere 7 miles per second by Apollo's 8, 10 and 11.

At this point Mr. Searle was asked about the forces that slow the craft down for a landing. He mumbled something about electric fields, gravity, vacuum, air pressure, magnetic fields, radiation and a few other things in a way that made it obvious that his concepts of certain basic physical laws were very wrong. As a few brief examples, Mr. Searle was under the impression that the gravitational attraction of the earth stops abruptly at a point some 300,000 miles out. He called it the 'G' barrier. In fact, the gravitational attraction of the earth extends virtually to infinity, although admittedly it becomes very small in magnitude at a large distance from earth. Another example was his explanation of how a spacecraft could be slowed down from high speeds without the occupants feeling any force at all. He was totally unaware that by Newton's laws of motion any mass requires a force to change its velocity or direction. Ionisation was a term Mr. Searle used freely but had little idea what it meant. He stated that the ionised air around a returning craft was predominantly amber—due to iron in the air. In fact an iron vapour discharge gives an almost white light.

Mr. Searle was very proud to tell us about the number of dials on board his spacecraft that had to be read and noted during a flight. This was a direct contradiction to one of his early statements that his three operational craft were too

small to be manned. It also puzzled us why the dials had to be read at all if there was, as Mr. Searle claimed, an onboard computer to control the craft.

Apparently these craft are controlled by very sophisticated electronic apparatus accurate to one-hundredth of a second. The electronic apparatus involved in conventional spaceflight is accurate to millionths of a second or better. Perhaps it had not occurred to Mr. Searle, that if his apparatus made an error of only one-hundredth of a second while landing at the speed he mentioned of 140,000 miles per second, this would be an error of 1,400 miles—undoubtedly catastrophic.

When one of his craft returns from the moon, in $1\frac{1}{4}$ seconds, and continues with its normal duties (whatever they are) it can be seen over Britain every night at about 1.30 a.m. Apparently, it appears as a very slow moving red dot, travelling from south to north. Average satellites take about 10-15 minutes to travel from one horizon to the other and, when visible, are obviously moving. Mr. Searle's craft takes only 2-3 minutes (5 times faster) yet he says that it hardly appears to move!!

His fleet, built by Lunic Enterprises, consists of one 38' diameter saucer and two 20' diameter ones called Swallows F1, FD1 and FD2. A further one million pounds is required to build a craft $104\frac{1}{2}$ ' in diameter capable of carrying men. (It could also lift a battleship!) The British government, he assures us, would do well to invest in his project as he could then launch and retrieve British Satellites for only a few thousand pounds. Britain could have had men on the moon up to two years ago if people had only supplied him with the money. Dividends would be immediate from the £2-£3 fares collected taking passengers to the moon and back. Cargo would be charged at about a $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ton per mile!

Mr. Searle was then presented with information about many sighting reports of unidentified flying objects seen over Britain during the last few years. No matter what colour, size, speed or shape contained in the reports, he managed to find an explanation using scientific waffle hinting at Swallows F1, FD1 and FD2 on special missions. He even had similar solutions to descriptions we invented.

Surprisingly, Swallow F1 has been responsible for stopping car engines and was also responsible for the American power failure a few years ago. A UFO reported on one of the Gemeni flights was Swallow F1. This versatile craft 'buzzed' a manned Russian spacecraft, frightening the crew and causing them to return to earth early! For those who saw the launching of Gemeni 12, if they noticed a peculiar object hovering around, they were looking at . . . guess what . . . Swallow F1.

From his council house in Mortimer, he spoke of his "team of one thousand men" although photographs on the wall showed about a dozen people, a few of whom were teenagers. In the future he hopes to send men to Mars in 17 seconds. The project is at the moment supported by voluntary donations. If Mr. Searle would only demonstrate his saucers to the world, he would undoubtedly be classed as one of the geniuses of mankind. On doing so, he would be able to obtain his million pounds from any government on earth or could sell the invention for countless millions, yet he still spouts rubbish about the tax man!

E. W. PALMER

D. I. SIMPSON

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

76 Whittington Way
Pinner,
Middlesex.
28th July, 1969.

The Editor,
BUFORA Journal.

Dear Sir,

I was extremely dismayed to see that included in the 2:7 issue of the Journal were two articles—"Vibrations, power sites and quartz crystal," and "Orgone energy and space ships"—which cannot but do considerable violence to the image of BUFORA as an objective research organisation. The article by Arthur Shuttlewood seems to be a semi-mystical rehash of many of the hazy ideas about "vibrations" to be found in the "occult" and pseudo-scientific literature; and "orgone energy" is an unscientific nonsense that must surely rank with Ron Hubbard's "dianetics" and Plato's theory of vision.

I don't consider it at all satisfactory to merely state that "the editor and his contributors are solely responsible for views advanced over their names"—such a disclaimer will fail to impress a scientifically oriented person looking through the Journal for evidence of serious research who may well reject not only BUFORA but UFOlogy as a whole if faced with such material.

The damage to the Association's reputation caused by the presence of such questionable articles with the pages of its own official organ may well have been considerable; I should like to know how you justify your decision to have published them in the first place.

Yours sincerely,

CARL GROVE.

Editorial Comment—

I would like to include more matter of the order generally denominated "scientific" in these pages. Unfortunately, appeals for contributions of this or any kind are apt to fall on deaf ears, with the result that I am left to beat my brains out trying to compose copy, rather than present readers with a "Journal" consisting largely of blank pages! The fact is, I fear, that many individuals who are forever complaining about the lack of scientific matter in the publication, manifest an extreme unwillingness to get to work on the research necessary to generate such matter.

The late Wilhelm Reich, M.D., won a reputation in the field of orthodox Science as an associate of the founder of Psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud. His later work on "Orgone Energy" may represent a digression into pseudo-science. It has never been subjected to a really exhaustive and impartial examination and the question of its validity remains open.

Arthur Shuttlewood is a journalist, not a scientist. There are gold nuggets among the detritus of his writing, as I observed in reviewing one of his books. At least he is willing to *write* for the "Journal," rather than standing aside and criticising it.

Plato is described by Purnell's "New English Encyclopedia" as, "...the greatest single figure in Philosophy." The same source remarks of him: "Besides, the sounder principles of rational science in Plato did much to promote the revival of science against the barren Aristotelianism of the scholastics." I really think my correspondent might forgive Plato his defective theory of vision, at least to the extent of not bracketing him with Mr. L. Ron Hubbard!

Proverbially, the science of one generation is the fallacy of the next. In this connection, I well recall reading, during an air raid, a "proof" by American astronomer Simon Newcomb that heavier-than-air flying machines represented a scientific absurdity. The "scientific" knowalls are very often wrong and recollection of this fact should temper the intolerable arrogance which is the besetting sin of our younger scientists.

Science is the classification of facts and the recognition of their significance in the order of nature. This does not involve the denial and suppression of inconvenient facts which do not conform with the pattern of scientific orthodoxy at a given juncture. "Scientifically oriented" young men are apt to confuse the speculations of their contemporaries with the Wisdom of Eternity. A course in the writings of Charles Fort ought to be obligatory upon science students in our seats of learning.

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To the Editor,
BUFORA Journal.

E O U,
Higher Sprytown,
Lifton, Devon.
6th July, 1969.

Sir,

In comment on the opinions expressed by Fred O. Gardner and yourself in the Spring 1969 issue of the Journal, I should like to point out that in spite of all the work that has gone into ufology over the past 25 years or so, and the accumulation of a sizeable literature about it, we have still hardly moved from square one so far as solving the basic questions are concerned, i.e., 'do they exist,' if so, 'what are they,' 'where do they originate from,' and 'how are they propelled,' etc. All the previous work has failed to provide the type of answers to these questions that can stand up to a critical scientific evaluation.

Fred O. Gardner apparently dislikes the idea of regarding UFO's in terms of any kind of "strange manifestation," but he seems to have forgotten that, if they exist, UFO's *are* strange manifestations—the question is, what type!

It may of course turn out to be quite unnecessary to invoke any form of paranormal hypothesis to explain the UFO. A conventional explanation might suffice. But I cannot help feeling that were the more conventional alien spaceship explanation true some more definite corroboration would have been obtained by now. But this has not happened; in fact, the findings of the Condon Committee indicate if anything the reverse.

So, where do we go from here? It seems to me that ufologists have got to begin getting used to the idea that the phenomena behind UFO manifestations may be stranger than people generally imagine.

Let us not adopt a sterile attitude, or pander to the orthodox establishment viewpoint merely because we are afraid that our reputations might suffer. The UFO question remains an enigma, and the solution may not be easy to unravel if we allow ourselves to be entirely dominated by conventional modes of thought, or limited by preconceptions.

I am not advocating that all conventional forms of investigation should be abandoned. Far from it. Moreover, the development of instrumented facilities for observation as provided for by the BUFORA mobile unit and that of the Bedford Society form a vital part of any forward programme.

At the same time I think we must be prepared if necessary to enlarge our conceptual horizons. That fundamental hypothesis and the methodology of observation or experiment are complimentary factors is familiar enough to anyone trained in the procedures of scientific research. All kinds of ideas (even teleportation!) need to be examined and ways of testing them worked out.

It should be noticed that, in propounding certain types of paranormal explanation we do not jettison all scientific criteria and become submersed in the occult. Perhaps there are wide misconceptions about what a modern approach to the questions of psychokinesis and extrasensory communication within the context of ufology could entail. This is a matter to be gone into separately. Let us stress however, that if the UFO's are paranormal, and if the manifestations are materially objective, then certain instrumented forms of measurement could probably be devised to detect them and to provide information about them and the manner in which they occur. If the phenomena have a telepathic basis and if they are akin to mystical experience, however, the problem is more difficult but perhaps not intractable, as both observational as well as experimental procedures could be devised to test this kind of hypothesis too.

D. PETER MADDOCK.

BOOK REVIEWS

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

BY ROBERT CHAPMAN

Published by Arthur Barker Ltd., 5 Winsley Street, London, W.1.

PRICE: 30/-.

The author of this book is the science correspondent of the "Sunday Express" and he has written an excellent introductory account of the UFO problem. It will be of great value to newcomers to the field and may serve to refresh the memories of old stagers on a number of matters.

It would be wrong to describe Mr. Chapman as a believer in the reality of UFO's considered as alien craft. It would be equally wrong to write him off as a complete sceptic of the "shoot 'em down at any price" school. He maintains throughout the volume an open-minded approach and a cool detachment, which are tempered by a willingness to admit the force of good evidence on those occasions when he encounters it.

He deals lightly, almost sympathetically, with the "lunatic fringe" of professional contactees and flying saucer cultists. Cedric Allingham and Arthur Bryant are dismissed. Mr. Chapman, like many of us who have been immersed in the UFO problem over a long period, is clearly perplexed about the late George Adamski. He seems to feel—and which of us doesn't?—that it is equally futile to accept Adamski's writings as the stuff of truth or to dismiss them as the fruit of delusion or deception.

The book is well produced and contains many photographs. These include three views of a shadowy object taken from an aircraft over Cannock, Staffs., pictures of what many of us recall as, "the UFO that wasn't!"

The author went to Warminster and visited Cradle Hill in the company of Arthur Shuttlewood. While there, he witnessed aerial manifestations which he admits himself unable to explain away. One more testimony to tip the scales against those who believe that the Warminster "Thing" is a phantom conjured up by Mr. Shuttlewood and your Editor, in unholy alliance with the little Town's Chamber of Commerce.

In view of his position as the science correspondent of a leading British Sunday newspaper, it is interesting and possibly significant that Mr. Chapman's terminal chapter deals with the recent Condon Report on UFO's in what can only be described as a very restrained and unenthusiastic manner.

I heartily recommend "Unidentified Flying Objects" to readers. I hope we shall hear more from Mr. Chapman on the subject.

J. C-B.

HARMONIC 33

BY CAPTAIN BRUCE CATHIE

Published by A. H. & A. W. Reed, Wellington, Auckland & Sydney.

PRICE: To be ascertained.

This book, by a pilot of the National Airways Corporation of New Zealand, is an attempt to demonstrate that UFO's are engaged upon the reconstruction of a world-wide magnetic grid system, said to have been operative in ancient times but to have fallen into disuse over the centuries.

It is an interesting thesis but I feel that Captain Cathie—whose burning sincerity is never in doubt—has unconsciously fallen into the trap which engulfed Alfred Watkins of "ley" fame and more recently Michel with his theory of Orthoteny. It is all too easy to take a large number of random observations and out of them frame patterns of activity which are in fact no more than the product of imagination. I do not propose to labour the point here. Interested readers are referred to my article, "Leys, Orthoteny and the UFO's," which appeared in the Summer 1967 issue of this "Journal."

The author seems to regard Frank Scully's, "Behind the Flying Saucers," as a reliable narrative. I was under the impression that the tale pitched to Scully by Messrs. Newton and "Gee" had long been exposed as the baseless fiction it undoubtedly is.

UFO's are said to cause seismic activity while repairing the supposed terrestrial magnetic grid. There are assumed to be alien artifacts, used in this activity, planted at various spots below the earth's surface at a depth of 33 km. As Henk J. Hinfelaar of the New Zealand "Spaceview" periodical points out, however, it is at about this depth that earthquakes are normally focused. I am further in agreement with Mr. Hinfelaar when he remarks, that it is illogical to assume that UFO's having travelled many millions of miles, would be obliged to depend upon an earthly grid as a power source. I would add that Captain Cathie supplies us with no suggestion as to the ultimate motives of the UFO-denizens after the hypothetical grid is once more on full working order.

The Great Pyramid, Stonehenge, the Aztec ruins of Mexico and various other prehistoric erections somehow get fitted into the pattern of Captain Cathie's grid. Why? They seem to me to have about as much connection with terrestrial magnetism as the Empire State Building, the Kremlin or the Albert Memorial.

I would not willingly discourage anyone from studying this book. The high road to certainty in all branches of Knowledge is littered with discarded hypotheses. Some of them contain fragments of useful material.

I am indebted to Mr. Arthur Shuttlewood for the loan of his copy of "Harmonic 33" for review purposes.

J. C-B.

WITNESSES REPORT ON UFO's IN MANILA

Three Filipino farmers and a construction engineer have submitted eye-witness reports on what might be the first sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFO's)—and their mysterious passengers—in the Philippines.

At least two retired Filipino military officials, Col. Aderito de Leon (Air Force) and Col. Rufino C. Santiago (Army Corps), who were among the first to learn of the sightings, said they were inclined to believe them.

But U.S. Air Force Col. Alred K. Patterson, air attache of the American Embassy in Manila, said he was skeptical about the reports after making an initial inquiry.

The reported sighting took place on four occasions in the past eight months—at 4 a.m., 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. last November 1 and at 10.30 p.m. on June 10. They all occurred within the vicinity of the Philippine Communications Satellite (Philcomsat) ground station, tucked inside a valley in Rizal Province 32 air miles east of Manila.

De Leon, former manager of the station, wrote a detailed report on last November's sightings based on interviews he and Santiago, assistant station manager made with the three farmers.

The farmers' separate accounts were more or less identical about seeing a white low slung saucer-shaped vehicle landing and taking off near where they were and of two passengers inside. One of them gave a more close-up description of the passengers as being Caucasian looking with one about six feet tall, and wearing white flying suits, without identification and glasslike or plastic-like headgears.

The latest sighting made last month was reported by engineer Leonardo de Luna, 25 assistant project superintendent at a development site near the station. Recounting his experience to United Press International, de Luna said he saw a big, yellowish "ball of fire" flashing in the sky, followed by a hovering, blinking red light for about 15 seconds.

De Leon sent his report on the November sightings to Sgt. Lonnie Zamora of the local police department in Socorro, New Mexico. De Leon said Zamora's account about a UFO published in last September's issue of Pageant, "closely resembles what we have experienced here."

De Leon made his report available to UPI, he said, "in the interest of science." It quoted separate accounts of the three farmers who made the sightings within a span of hours in the same area about three miles due south of the communications station.

Col. Patterson, 48, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, visited the station recently after learning of the incidents from another embassy official who had been there earlier.

Asked by UPI about his impressions on the stories, Patterson said: As you know we (the U.S. Air Force) have an interest in this type of thing, apart from satisfying my own curiosity."

But he was openly skeptical on whether the sightings were actually of UFO's after reading de Leon's report and hearing de Luna's own account.

He was more doubtful about what De Luna saw and said it was "probably a plane flying over the area." On de Leon's report, he said he had no ready explanations about the detailed sightings and added—"we just don't have enough information to make a decision or an investigation."

Patterson said the U.S. Air Force had conducted numerous investigations on reported UFO sightings in the United States and that the official findings were that "there ain't no such thing." He acknowledged this was the first such report brought to his attention in the Philippines.

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Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, also for the eight remaining seats on the National Executive Committee, should reach the Hon. Secretary in writing not later than Saturday, August 23rd, 1969. Resolutions to be debated at the A.G.M. should also reach the Hon. Secretary by that date.

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